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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

Whereas on the morning of January 26, 2001, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat in western India, killing untold tens of thousands of people, injuring countless others, and crippling most of the region;

Whereas the earthquake of January 26, 2001, has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, and destroyed infrastructure;

Whereas the people of India and people of Indian origin have displayed strength, courage, and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and India have developed a strong friendship based on mutual interests and respect;

Whereas India has appealed to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community for the economic assistance to meet the substantial relief and reconstruction needs facing that country in the aftermath of the earthquake;

Whereas the United States has offered technical and monetary assistance through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and

Whereas offers of assistance have also come from the Governments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, China, Canada, and others, as well as countless non-governmental organizations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the citi-
4 zens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for
5 the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earth-
6 quake of January 26, 2001;

7 (2) expresses its support for—

1 (A) the people of India as they continue
2 their efforts to rebuild their cities and their
3 lives;

4 (B) continuing and substantially increasing
5 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-
6 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-
7 national Development (USAID) and other relief
8 agencies; and

9 (C) providing future economic assistance in
10 order to help rebuild Gujarat;

11 (3)(A) supports the economic assistance efforts
12 of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank,
13 and the international community; and

14 (B) urges the President to use United States
15 influence with these bodies to expedite these efforts;
16 and

17 (4) recognizes and encourages the important as-
18 sistance that also could be provided by other nations
19 to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

Passed the House of Representatives January 31,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.